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SUBJ: CONGRESS PARTY RESOLUTION STRONGLY ENDORSES MRS. GANDHI.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CONGRESS PARTY IN PARLIAMENT JUNE 18TH:  
QUOTE: THIS MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF THE CONGRESS  
PARTY IN PARLIAMENT TAKES NOTE OF THE GRAVE CHALLENGES  
FACING THE COUNTRY. THE WORLD TODAY IS AFFLICTED BY AN  
INFLATIONARY SITUATION ACCENTUATED BY THE INCREASE IN  
PETROLEUM PRICES. THERE PYVE BEEN WIDESPREAD DROUGHT  
CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN LARGE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DURING  
THE LAST TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS. THESE HAVE CAUSED ACUTE  
STRAINS IN OUR ECONOMY AFFECTING LARGE MASSES OF OUR  
PEOPLE. CONTINUED ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE BY COMMUNAL,  
SUBVERSIVE, DIVISIVE AND DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS TO CREATE  
CONDITIONS OF CHAOS AND CONFUSION. ADDED TO THESE,  
EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CREATE POLITICAL INSTABILITY  
BY WEAKENING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASE OF OUR DEMOCRACY.  
THREATS OF EXTERNAL AGGRESSION BY FORCES HOSTILE TO US HAVE  
NOT YET CEASED.

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AN ALL-INDIA CHARACTER REPRESENTING THE HOPES AND

ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE. IT HAS, THEREFORE, TO CONTINUE ITS HISTORIC ROLE IN GUIDING THE NATION THROUGH THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND MOVE FORWARD RESOLUTELY TO BRING ABOUT VAST AND VITAL CHANGES IN OUR SOCIO-ECONOMIC ORDER. IN THE LAST DECADE, THE CONGRESS HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING SMT. INDIRA GANDHI AS ITS LEADER TO GUIDE THE DESTINIES OF THE NATION. UNDER HER INSPIRING LEADERSHIP SUBSTANTIAL AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THESE CHANGES.

THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN MANY FIELDS -- ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL -- WERE ALL POSSIBLE DUE TO THE IMAGINATIVE, DYNAMIC AND SAGACIOUS LEADERSHIP OF SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP OUR COUNTRY HAS SECURED AN HONOURED PLACE IN THE COMITY OF NATIONS.

SHIRMATI INDIRA GANDHI SYMBOLISES THE RESURGENT INDIA OF TODAY AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE. NOW MORE THAN EVER THE CONGRESS SVD THE NATION NEED HER LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE.

THIS MEETING REITERATES ITS FULLEST FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN HER AND FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT HER CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AS PRIME MINISTER IS INDISPENSABLE FO THE NATION.  
END QUOTE. THE RESOLUTION WAS MOVED BY JAGJIVAN RAM AND SECONDED BY SWARAN SINGH.

2. COMMENT: THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ATTACKED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTY AS LEANING IN THE DIRECTION OF "ONE PARTY RULE" IN INDIA. THE DESCRIPTION OF CONGRESS AS "THE ONLY ORGANIZATION" IN INDIA REPRESENTING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS" OF THE PEOPLE, THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE ASPIRATIONS WITH MRS. ODNDHI, AND HER CHARACTERIZATION AS "INDISPENSABLE FOR THE NATION" WILL HEAVILY BE SEIZED UPON BY MRS. GANDHI'S CRITICS AS EDGING CLOSELY TO PUTTING HER "ABOVE THE LAW". AT THIS POINT WE ARE OURSELVES RELUCTANT TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER THIS INDEED IS WHAT CONGRESS IS MOVING TOWARD.  
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BUT THIS IS A POSSIBLE TREND WE WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY.  
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